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The nickel tax increase in 5 cents a gallon would raise about \$1.5 billion a year to finance needed repairs at the nation's roads and bridges, as well as new construction. A portion of the increase would be earmarked for mass transit assistance.

Sen. Bob Dole, the floor manager of the bill, said, "I want to pass this bill. It took all night and all day tomorrow and all day the next day." Dole, R-Kan., added, "It should never come down to a time when two senators candidate to the Senate."

Earlier in the week, two other conservative Republicans, Dan Ninkovich of Oklahoma and Gordon Humphreys of New Hampshire, participated in the debate. They said they would not support their colleagues if it was clear they could not defeat the bill.

The bill would increase the gasoline tax by a nickel to 9 cents a gallon, beginning April 1, and several other income tax increases affecting trucks.

Senate-House conferees spent the day working out a compromise, and nearly broke up in disagreement several times.



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increase. But other than a fast turkey dinner on Christmas Day, there will be no holiday from poverty for homeless Americans.

Because it is so powerless, the homeless population is difficult to determine but there is no question it is growing. sleek, who lost his railroad job a year ago, is typical of the newcomers.

"I couldn't stand going out of work," he says. "I had to go back to the railroad because I had no money. I can't afford to eat. I can't afford to pay rent. I sleep on the streets. In December, I got arrested for panhandling and breaking and entering. Me, a criminal."

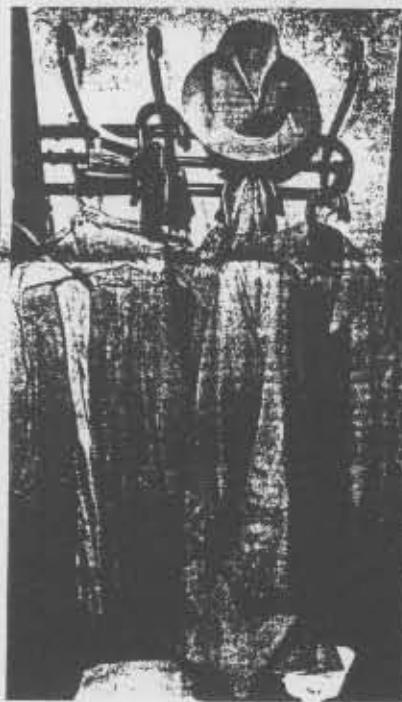
"My wife died recently and I stopped caring," he says, starting to cry. "God, if only I could get home for Christmas, just to be with my kids. But where am I going to go now? Where am I going to live?"

At the New Life Evangelistic Center, the Rev. Larry Stoe is making arrangements for a Christmas dinner to feed some of St. Louis' estimated 35,000 homeless people.

"It's beyond comprehension the human suffering here," he said. "These people are victims of the depression."

In Buffalo, N.Y., which has a 13.8 percent unemployment rate, the Rev. Bob Timberlake runs the city's only city mission and describes the "new poor" male as a "single or divorced man who has lost his job, has exhausted his unemployment benefits, has bank account and help from friends and relatives."

"He comes to the mission as a last resort," Timberlake says. "Not unlike Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. After all, the barn was not the first choice. We're the barn."



A glimpse into history...

Andy Ketterson, chief of cultural resources for the National Park Service, above, stands in the study of the Truman home, where former president Harry Truman spent many hours reading selections from the books that fill two walls of the small room. A few members of the news media Tuesday got a rare look inside the Truman home. The home is not open to the public yet, but the National Park Service will soon begin directing repairs and preparations needed to turn the home into a museum. Truman's familiar felt hat still rests on a rock above his fireplace. Below Truman's coat hangs a portrait of him, and in the parlor there are many family pictures including this one, below, of Truman and daughter Margaret.



Man's renewal reflects season's joy

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Ronnie, who had been diagnosed a diabetic, lacked self-confidence and self-esteem, he said.

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Finally, with more than enough money

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Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers tonight and Saturday. High tonight is 48.